

MEETING MINUTES

Finance Committee

Town Offices, 3rd Floor Conference Room B

Monday, March 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Time – 7:20 P.M.

Members in attendance: Chairman Jon Stumpf, Joanne F. Marden, Mary O'Donoghue, Mark Merritt, Paul Fortier, Peggy Kruse, Greg Rigby, Linn Anderson and Greg Serrao.

Also Present: Finance Director Donna Walsh.

WARRANT ARTICLE POSITIONS

Article 17 – Insurance Recovery Transfer

Prior to taking a position on Article 17 Committee members asked Ms. Walsh for more information. Ms. Walsh explained that Article 17 was related to roof repairs at the West Middle School. In addition, that damages are repaired out of a Town Insurance Trust Fund and that, by State law, insurance proceeds received over \$20,000 must be approved at Town Meeting in order to replenish the Insurance Trust Fund. There was a brief discussion.

Paul Fortier moved and Greg Rigby seconded to recommend approval of Article 17 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 20 – Support for Civic Events

There was a brief discussion regarding Article 20 being funded by deducting a portion of the Elder Services Transportation article. Committee members decided to hold their vote until a future meeting.

Article 21 – Spring Grove Cemetery Maintenance

Mark Merritt moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 21 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 22 – Tech Infrastructure, Connectivity, Hardware & Telecommunication Equipment

After briefly discussing how the \$2.5 Million as requested in Article 22 would be distributed between the Town and Schools, Mark Merritt moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 22 in the amount of \$2.5 Million. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

At 7:40 P.M. Committee members adjourned to join the Board of Selectmen.

Committee members reconvened their regular meeting at 8:35 P.M.

WARRANT ARTICLE POSITIONS (continued)

Article 46 – Payment Option for Obligations

Mark Merritt moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend disapproval of Article 46 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 23 – Town Playground Replacements

It was noted that this article was the beginning of a total playground refurbishment plan for the Town. After a brief discussion, Paul Fortier moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 23 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 24 – Town Building & Facility Maintenance

Mark Merritt moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 24 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 25 – School Building Maintenance and Renovation

There was some discussion regarding the need for future reporting relative to tracking the status of approved projects. All agreed the Finance Committee would request status reports from all departments on a regular basis after Town Meeting. Peggy Kruse moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 25 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 28 – Balmoral Fence and Masonry Repairs

Mark Merritt moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 28 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 36 – Major Water Main Replacement

Mark Merritt moved and Paul Fortier seconded to recommend approval of Article 36 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 37 – Water Treatment Plant Filter Backwash Discharge Tank

Greg Serrao moved and Greg Rigby seconded to recommend approval of Article 37 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 38 – Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Vehicle

Paul Fortier moved and Greg Rigby seconded to recommend approval of Article 38 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 39 – West Middle School Repair

Mark Merritt moved and Peggy Kruse seconded to recommend approval of Article 39 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 44 – High Plain Road at Fish Brook Improvements

There was a brief discussion concerning whether or not there was a need for a sidewalk in the area of the proposed project. Mark Merritt moved and Mary O'Donoghue seconded to recommend approval of Article 44 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Article 45 – Water Distribution Maintenance

Peggy Kruse moved and Greg Rigby seconded to recommend approval of Article 45 as written. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Lynch
Recording Secretary